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FM AMEMBASSY LONDON

TO AMEMBASSY KUWAIT

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E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: CVIS, KU, UK

SUBJ: KUWAITI VISAS FOR USC

REF: KUWAIT 3673

1. AMEMBASSY LONDON DOES NOT REQUIRE NOTE FROM KUWAIT EMBASSY IN CASES OF ORDINARY VISA APPLICANTS. WE DO REQUIRE NOTE WHEN KUWAIT GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS APPLY FOR A OR G VISAS. KUWAIT GOVERNMENT SCHOLARS WISHING TO STUDY IN U.S. REQUIRE NOTE FROM KUWAIT EMBASSY BECAUSE THEY RECEIVE A-2 VISAS. KUWAIT EMBASSY FULLY AWARE OF ALL OF THIS.

2. WE ROUTINELY SEND ALPHA CABLE TO AMEMBASSY KUWAIT IN CASES OF ORDINARY NIV APPLICANTS WHO DO NOT RESIDE IN U.K. AND ISSUANCE IS DELAYED UNTIL WE RECEIVE REPLY. THIS NORMALLY TAKES 3 OR 4 DAYS. WE ARE UNAWARE OF ANY CASE WHICH WAS DELAYED BY ONE OR TWO WEEKS. THERE MAY HAVE BEEN OCCASIONAL UNAVOIDABLE DELAY IN CASE OF GOVERNMENT STUDENT WHILE AMEMBASSY KUWAIT VERIFIES THROUGH KUWAIT FOREIGN MINISTRY (MFA) THAT APPLICANT IS ENTITLED TO A-2 VISA. KUWAIT EMBASSY ALSO AWARE OF THIS.

3. DURING PAST WEEK SEVERAL U.S. CITIZENS HAVE INFORMED US THAT KUWAIT EMBASSY NOW REFUSES TO

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ISSUE VISA UNLESS EMBASSY ISSUES COVERING LETTER

"IDENTIFYING" U.S. CITIZEN APPLICANT. IN RESPONSE TO CONOFF INQUIRY, KUWAIT EMBASSY OFFICIAL STATED THAT MFA HAD ISSUED INSTRUCTIONS REQUIRING IDENTIFYING LETTER FROM U.S. CITIZEN VISA APPLICANTS IN LONDON. KUWAIT EMBASSY OFFICIAL STATED REASON

FOR LETTER REQUIREMENT WAS RETALIATORY MEASURE BECAUSE OF ALLEGED LONDON VISA REQUIREMENT FOR VISA ISSUANCE TO KUWAITIS.

4. IT IS SUGGESTED THAT AMEMBASSY KUWAIT SHOULD DISCUSS THIS MATTER WITH MFA TO CLARIFY OUR PRACTICE HERE. IT IS HOPED THAT KUWAIT EMBASSY REQUIREMENT FOR LETTER FROM US IDENTIFYING EACH U.S. CITIZEN APPLYING FOR KUWAIT VISA COULD BE RECINDED.

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